ADDRESSES

PRESENTED FROM THE

COURT of COMMON COUNCIL

TO THE

KING,

On his MAJESTY'S ACCESSION to the THRONE, and on various other Occaſions, and his Anſwers.

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Granting the FREEDOM of the CITY to ſeveral NOBLE PERSONAGES; with their Anſwers.

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For returning THANKS to Lord CHATHAM, And his ANSWER;

For erecting a Statue in GUILDHALL, to WILLIAM BECKFORD, Eſq; late LORD MAYOR,

Agreed to between the 23d *October*, 1760, and the 12th *October*, 1770.

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ESDAILE, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Wedneſday*, the Twentieth Day of *May*, 1778.

ORDERED, That the ſeveral Addreſſes from this Court to his preſent Majeſty, on his Acceſſion to the Throne, and on various other Occaſions, and his Majeſty's Anſwers thereto; the Reſolutions, granting the Freedom of this City to ſeveral noble Perſonages, with their Anſwers; Inſtructions at different Times to the Repreſentatives of this City in Parliament; Petitions to Parliament againſt ſubjecting the Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws, and for the Repeal of the Cyder Act; and the ſeveral Reſolutions of the Court on the Memorial of the Livery, to requeſt the Lord Mayor to call a Common Hall; for returning Thanks to Lord *Chatham*, and his Anſwer; for erecting a Statue

to *William Beckford*, Esq; late Lord Mayor, in *Guildhall*; agreed to between the Twenty-third of *October*, 1760, and the Twelfth of *October*, 1770, be printed and neatly bound in Octavo, and a Copy thereof sent to every Member of this Court.

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ADDRESSES, &c.

PRESENTED FROM THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL.

CHITTY, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *October*, 1760.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to condole his Majeſty on the Death of the late King, and to congratulate his Acceſſion to the Crown of theſe Realms? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and faithful Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council

aſſembled, moſt humbly approach your Royal Preſence, to condole with your Majeſty, the unexpected and affecting Loſs which your Majeſty and the Nation have ſuſtained, by the Death of your illuſtrious Grandfather, whoſe gentle and equal Rule will be gratefully remembered by the preſent Age, and whoſe wiſe and proſperous Reign will be honoured by ſucceeding Generations. So ſudden and momentous an Event in this critical Juncture, would indeed, be ſeverely felt by *Great Britain*, and her magnanimous Ally, had not the Goodneſs of ALMIGHTY GOD placed her Sceptre in the Hands of a Prince, who, by his firſt Declaration in Council, has moſt graciouſly confirmed all the pleaſing Hopes which had been early entertained of his Virtue, Wiſdom, and Fortitude, as well as of his tender Affection to this his native Country, and Regard for her moſt excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State.

It is therefore, with the ſincereſt and warmeſt Love and Veneration, that we gratulate your Majeſty's moſt happy Acceſſion to the Government of a free, loyal, and united People.

And although we are ſenſible how painful it muſt be to your Majeſty, to find your Kingdom engaged in a bloody and expenſive War, we doubt not but your Majeſty, jealous of the Honor of your Crown, and attentive to the Rights and commercial Intereſts of your People, will ſtedfaſtly purſue the Wiſdom and Spirit of thoſe Councils,

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by which that War hath hitherto been ſo ſucceſsfully conducted, until your Majeſty ſhall be enabled, by the Divine Aſſiſtance, the tried and well regulated Ardour of your Fleets and Armies, and the inexhauſtible Affection of all your Subjects, to eſtabliſh Peace upon a juſt, honourable, and ſolid Foundation.

May your Majeſty graciouſly accept this Earneſt of our Duty, and inviolable Attachment to your ſacred Perſon and Government, and our humble Aſſurances, that as it will be our conſtant Prayer to the great Ruler of Princes, that your Majeſty's Reign may long continue over us, ſo ſhall it always be our Study and Endeavour, by every Act of Zeal, Gratitude, and Obedience, to render it happy and glorious to your Majeſty.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Thirtieth of October, 1760.

I take very kindly your early and warm Aſſurances and Affection for my Perſon and Government, and I give you my cordial Thanks; Firmneſs of Councils, ſupported by ſuch generous Efforts of a free and united People, and ſeconded by ſuch Intrepidity and Conduct in my Fleets and Armies, will, I truſt, under the Bleſſing of the Almighty, lead my Kingdoms, in Conjunction with my faithful Allies, to a juſt, honourable, and

laſting Peace. My good City of *London* ſhall ever Experience my watchful Care for their Liberties, Commerce, and Happineſs.

COMMON COUNCIL,

Twenty-eighth October, 1760.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That proper Compliments of Condolence and Congratulation be made in the Name of this Court, to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of *Wales?* The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Compliments were agreed to, as follows:

To her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of Wales.

May it pleaſe your Royal Highneſs,

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, humbly beg Leave to preſent to your Royal Highneſs, our moſt reſpectful Compliments of Condolence, on the Death of our late moſt gracious Sovereign; and at the ſame Time, to congratulate your Royal Highneſs upon your illuſtrious Son's moſt happy Acceſſion to the Crown of theſe Realms, amidſt the joyful Acclamations of his faithful Subjects.

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To your Royal Highneſs's wiſe and tender Care of his Majeſty's early Years, we ſtand indebted for the Cultivation of the innate Virtues of his Princely Mind, and for the Foundation of all thoſe Bleſſings which we truſt to enjoy under his auſpicious Reign.

Long may your Royal Highneſs taſte the maternal Satisfaction, of ſeeing the Royal Object of your Affection and Solicitude, the Darling of his native Country, the Protector of our Trade, the Defender of our Religion, Law, and Liberties, and the Ornament and Delight of human Kind.

Her Royal Highneſs's Anſwer, delivered the Thirtieth Day of October, 1760.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I return you my hearty Thanks for this freſh Mark of your Attention to me; my warmeſt Wiſhes have ever attended this great City, and the Joy and Happineſs of my Life, will conſiſt in the King, my Son, exceeding in every Thing your moſt ſanguine Expectations.

BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tuesday*, the Fifth Day of *May*, 1761.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of this City be preſented to the Right Honourable *Arthur Onſlow*, Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, in five ſucceſſive Parliaments, as a grateful and laſting Teſtimony of the reſpectful Love and Veneration which the Citizens of *London* entertain of his Perſon and diſtinguiſhed Virtue; for the many eminent Qualifications he diſplayed; the unwearied and diſintereſted Labours he beſtowed; and the impartial and judicious Conduct he maintained in the Execution of that arduous and important Office, during a Courſe of three and thirty Years; and for that exemplary Zeal, which, upon all proper Occaſions, he exerted with ſo much Dignity and Succeſs, in Support of the Rights, Privileges, and conſtitutional Independence of the Commons of *Great Britain?* The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative.

Another

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That a Copy of the Freedom of this City, with the Reſolution of the Court inſerted therein, be delivered by the Chamberlain, to the Right Honourable *Arthur Onſlow*, in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred Guineas? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Mr. Onſlow's *Anſwer, delivered the Eleventh Day of* June, 1761.

Mr. Chamberlain,

I receive with the trueſt Senſe of Gratitude this great Mark of Reſpect the City of *London* is pleaſed to ſhew towards me, in their Gift of the Freedom, and which I can only impute to the high Regard the Citizens of *London* bear to the Houſe of Commons, and as a Teſtimony of their Eſteem for thoſe who faithfully perform their Duty to the Public there.

The Expreſſions of good Will and Kindneſs to me, which are uſed in conferring this Honor upon me, however little deſerving I may think myſelf of them, do, indeed, affect me extremely, as an Argument of the favourable Opinion the City of *London* entertains of my ſincere and dutiful Endeavours to ſupport, upon all proper Occaſions, the Rights, Privileges, and conſtitutional Independence of the Commons of *Great Britain*.

I beg,

I beg, my Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and the whole of the Common Council, will accept my reſpectful and humbleſt Thanks upon this Occaſion, and be aſſured of my conſtant and warmeſt Wiſhes, that this great Metropolis may ever flouriſh in all Proſperity and Dignity—In a Dignity that becomes the Metropolis of a great Kingdom, and of which the City of *London* is ſo conſiderable and reſpectable a Part.

BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Sixteenth Day of June, 1761.

THIS Day Mr. Chamberlain acquainted this Court, that he did, on the eleventh Inſtant, wait on the Right Honourable *Arthur Onſlow*, with the Copy of his Freedom of this City, in a Gold Box, purſuant to the Reſolution of this Court, of the Fifth Day of *May* laſt; but that the ſaid Mr. *Onſlow* could not be prevailed upon to accept the ſaid Box.

It is ordered, That the ſaid Gold Box be depoſited with Mr. Chamberlain, till the further Order of this Court.

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BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Fifth Day of *June*, 1761.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of the City of *London* be humbly preſented to his Royal Highneſs *Edward Auguſtus*, Duke of *York* and *Albany*, Rear Admiral of the Blue Squadron of his Majeſty's Fleet, in Teſtimony of the dutiful Affection of this Court for their illuſtrious Sovereign, (whoſe peculiar Glory it is to reign over a free, happy, and united People) and as a Pledge of the grateful Reſpect they bear his Royal Highneſs, for his early Entrance into the Naval Service of his King and Country, the nobleſt and moſt effectual Encouragement to that natural and favourite Bulwark of the Wealth, Reputation, and Independence of this commercial Nation: And that his Royal Highneſs be humbly requeſted to honor this City by his Acceptance of the ſaid Freedom? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

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Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to his Royal Highneſs in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His Royal Highneſs's Anſwer, delivered the Twenty-ninth of July, 1761.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

IT is with Pleaſure I receive this Compliment from the Court of Common Council of *London*, as a freſh Inſtance of their Duty to the King, and as a diſtinguiſhing Mark of their Attention to me. I ſhall think myſelf happy in any Opportunity of ſhewing my Regard to the City of *London*, and in promoting its Trade and Proſperity; and I ſhall always exert my beſt Endeavours in that Profeſſion to which I belong, and which is eſſentially connected with the Reputation and Independence of this commercial Country.

BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Sixteenth Day of *June*, 1761.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree to addreſs his Majeſty upon the Conqueſt of the Iſland of *Belleiſle?* The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WITH reverential Awe and Gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all Victory, We, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of your City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, humbly approach your Royal Preſence, to expreſs our Joy and Exultation on the entire Reduction

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of the important Iſland of *Belleiſle*, by the Conduct, Intrepidity, and Perſeverance of your Majeſty's Land and Naval Forces; a Conqueſt which, after more than one fruitleſs Attempt in former Times, ſeems to have been reſerved by Divine Providence to grace the auſpicious Beginning of your Majeſty's Reign, and confirms our Hopes of a long Continuance of wiſe, ſteady, and ſucceſsful Meaſures.

A Blow ſo humiliating to the Pride and Power of *France*, cannot but impreſs that haughty Nation with a due Senſe of the Superiority of a Patriot King, ruling over a free, brave, and united People; and will, we truſt, convince them of the Danger of delaying to accept ſuch Terms of Peace as your Majeſty's Equity, Wiſdom, and Moderation, ſhall think fit to preſcribe.

What, therefore, have we more to wiſh, but that your Majeſty may long, very long, continue the Guardian and Protector of the religious, civil, and commercial Rights of *Great Britain*, and her Colonies; and that your Majeſty's Wiſdom may ever be ſeconded by equally faithful and ſpirited Councils, and your Commands executed with no leſs Ardour, Emulation, and Succeſs.

On our Part, permit us humbly to aſſure your Majeſty, that your faithful Citizens of *London* will,

will, with unwearied Zeal and Chearfulneſs, contribute to ſupport a vigorous Proſecution of this juſt and neceſſary War; until your Majeſty, having ſufficiently vindicated the Honor of your Crown, and ſecured the Trade, Navigation, and Poſſeſſions of your Subjects, ſhall enjoy the Bleſſing and the Glory of giving Repoſe to *Europe*, of wholly attending to, and promoting the Virtue and Happineſs of your People, and of cultivating all the ſofter Arts of Peace.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Seventeenth Day of June, 1761.

I return you my hearty Thanks for this freſh Mark of your Affection to my Perſon, and of your conſtant Zeal for the Luſtre of my Arms, and for the Glory of my Reign. Your repeated Aſſurances of chearful and ſteady Support, in the Proſecution of this neceſſary War, are moſt highly pleaſing to me, and cannot fail to promote the deſirable Object of Peace, on juſt, honourable, and advantageous Conditions. The City of *London* may always depend on my unwearied Endeavours for the Security and Extenſion of their Trade, Navigation, and Commerce.

BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden at the *Manſion-houſe*, in the City of *London*, on *Wedneſday*, the Ninth Day of *September*, 1761.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree to addreſs his Majeſty upon his moſt happy Marriage? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

BE pleaſed, moſt gracious Sovereign, to accept the cordial and reſpectful Congratulations of your Majeſty's ever dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, on the Solemnization of your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Nuptials.

Warmly intereſted, from every Motive of Gratitude, as well as Duty, in whatever can affect your

your Royal Mind, we enjoy the higheſt Satisfaction in the Completion of our Wiſhes, by your Majeſty's happy Union with a Princeſs of the moſt exalted Merit; a Princeſs, who, by her Deſcent from an illuſtrious Lineage, (reſpectable for their firm and conſtant Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, and dear to us for their particular Attachment to your Majeſty's Royal Houſe) and, above all, by her own moſt eminent Virtues and amiable Endowments, was moſt worthy to engage your Majeſty's Eſteem and Affection, and to ſhare the Honors of the *Britiſh* Crown.

We adore the Divine Goodneſs, that, as in all your Majeſty's other Conduct, ſo more particularly in a Choice of the higheſt Importance to your Majeſty and your Kingdoms, hath ſo viſibly guided and inſpired your Royal Breaſt; a Choice which we thankfully acknowledge, the ſtrongeſt and moſt acceptable Proof of your Majeſty's paternal Attention to improve the Happineſs and Security of your People, and to render the ſame ſtable and permanent to Poſterity.

May the ſame Providence long preſerve your Majeſty and your Royal Conſort, to enjoy the Fruits of this bleſſed Marriage, in an uninterrupted Courſe of conjugal Felicity, and in a numerous Offspring, reſembling their illuſtrious Parents in every public as well as private Virtue:

And may the Imperial Crown of theſe Realms be worn with undiminiſhed Luſtre by their Deſcendants, till Time ſhall be no more.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Fourteenth of September, 1761.

I thank you moſt heartily for your dutiful and affectionate Addreſs. This freſh Mark of your Attachment to my Perſon, and particularly the warm Sentiments of Joy and Satisfaction, which you expreſs on the happy Choice I have made of a Queen for my Conſort, are moſt pleaſing to me.—The City of *London* may always depend on my unceaſing Care for their Welfare and Proſperity.

BLAKISTON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Thurſday*, the Twenty-ſecond Day of *October*, 1761.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth reſolve to repreſent to their Members, who ſerve for this City in Parliament, (by way of Inſtructions) their Senſe

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on the preſent critical Juncture? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Repreſentation was agreed to in the following Words:

The Repreſentation of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

To Sir Robert Ladbroke, *Knight*; *Sir* Richard Glyn, *Knight and Baronet*; William Beckford, *Eſquire*; *and the Honourable* Thomas Harley; *this City's Repreſentatives in Parliament.*

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, think it at this Time our Duty, as it is our natural and undoubted Right, to lay before you, this City's Repreſentatives, in the Great Council of the Nation, ſoon to be aſſembled in Parliament, what we deſire and expect from you, in Diſcharge of the great Truſt and Confidence we and our Fellow Citizens have repoſed in you.

That you take the earlieſt Opportunity to uſe your utmoſt Endeavours to obtain the Repeal or Amendment of the late Act, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;" in reſpect of the Inconveniences ariſing from the compulſive Clauſe, by which a Door has been opened to the greateſt Frauds and Perjuries, and if continued,

must become the Deſtruction of all private Credit, ſo eſſential to the Support of a trading People.

That you concur in, and promote all neceſſary Meaſures, eſtabliſhing good Œconomy in the Diſtribution of the national Treaſure; and for that Purpoſe, that you endeavour to have a Committee appointed, in order to enquire into any Abuſes which may have ariſen in the Application of it, and to prevent any Fraud or illicit Practices in the Management thereof.

That you entertain juſt Sentiments of the Importance of the Conqueſts made this War, by the *Britiſh* Arms, at the Expence of ſo much Blood and Treaſure; and that you will, to the utmoſt of your Power and Abilities, oppoſe all Attempts for giving up ſuch Places as may tend to leſſen our preſent Security, or by reſtoring the Naval Power of *France*, render us ſubject to freſh Hoſtilities from that natural Enemy, particularly, that the ſole and excluſive Right of our Acquiſitions in *North America*, and the Fiſheries, be preſerved to us.

As the preſent happy Extinction of Parties; the Harmony and Unanimity of all his Majeſty's Subjects; their Zeal and Affection to their native King, and the great Increaſe of Commerce, are moſt convincing Proofs to us of this Nation's

Ability,

Ability, ſtill to carry on, and vigorouſly proſecute the preſent juſt and neceſſary War. It is our Deſire, that you concur in giving his Majeſty ſuch Supplies as ſhall enable him to purſue all thoſe Meaſures which may promote the true Intereſt of his Kingdoms, and place him above the Menaces of any Power that may pretend to give Laws, or preſcribe Limits to the Policy and Intereſts of this Nation; but as it is apparent, that our Enemies flatter themſelves with the Hopes of exhauſting our Strength, by the immenſe Expence in which we are at preſent engaged, We therefore require you, in the farther Proſecution of this War, to ſupport ſuch Meaſures as may fruſtrate thoſe Expectations, yet to act with the utmoſt Vigour in the Reduction of their remaining Colonies, ſo as to obtain a ſafe and honourable Peace.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Thanks of this Court be given to the Right Honourable *William Pitt*, late one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, for the many and important Services rendered to his King and Country? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Thanks were agreed to in the following Words:

That the Thanks of this Court be given to the Right Honourable *William Pitt*, for the many great

and eminent Services rendered this Nation, during the Time he ſo ably filled the high and important Office of one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and to perpetuate their grateful Senſe of his Merits, who, by the Vigour of his Mind, had not only rouſed the antient Spirit of this Nation, from that puſillanimous State to which it had been reduced; but by his Integrity and Steadineſs uniting us at Home, had carried its Reputation in Arms and Commerce to a Height unknown before, by our Trade accompanying our Conqueſts in every Quarter of the Globe.

Therefore the City of *London*, ever ſtedfaſt in their Loyalty to their King, and attentive to the Honor and Proſperity of their Country, cannot but lament the national Loſs of ſo able, ſo faithful a Miniſter, at this critical Conjuncture.

The Right Honourable William Pitt's *Anſwer.*

Mr. *Pitt* requeſts of Sir *James Hodges*, that he will be ſo good to repreſent him, in the moſt reſpectful Manner, to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, and expreſs his high Senſe of the ſignal Honor which they have been pleaſed to confer on him, by their condeſcending and favourable

vourable Reſolution of the 22d of *October*.—An Honor which he receives with true Reverence and Gratitude, not without Confuſior at his own ſmall Deſervings, while he views with Exultation, the univerſal public Spirit diffuſed through an united People, and the matchleſs Intrepidity of the *Britiſh* Sailors and Soldiers, conducted by Officers juſtly famed through all the Quarters of the World. To this Concurrence of national Virtue, graciouſly protected by the Throne, all the national Proſperities (under the Favour of Heaven) have been owing; and it will ever be remembered, to the Glory of the City of *London*, that through the whole Courſe of this arduous War, that great Seat of Commerce, has generouſly ſet the illuſtrious Example of ſteady Zeal for the Dignity of the Crown, and of unſhaken Firmneſs and Magnanimity.

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FLUDYER, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Sixth Day of *April*, 1762.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree to addreſs his Majeſty upon the Conqueſt of the Iſland of *Martinico?* The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

GRACIOUSLY to accept the humble Congratulations of your ever dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of your City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, upon the glorious and important Conqueſt of the ſtrong, fertile, and opulent Iſland of *Martinico*, and the conſequential Surrender of

Sainte

Sainte Lucie; Acquiſitions doubly valuable, as they conſiderably diminiſh the naval and commercial Strength of *France*, and proportionably extend and ſecure the Commerce and Navigation of *Great Britain* and her Colonies.

The amazing Rapidity of this Conqueſt reflects a Luſtre upon our former Triumphs, as well as the higheſt Honor upon the Royal Wiſdom that planned and directed; the Skill, Unanimity, and Activity that conducted; and the heroic Valour of the Fleet and Army that effected it with ſo little Loſs; and leaves your Majeſty at full Liberty to turn your victorious Arms to other Places, where the Enemies of your Majeſty and your Kingdoms are no leſs vulnerable, and will moſt ſenſibly feel the Neceſſity of diſſolving their late dangerous Compact, and of ſubmitting to Terms of Peace adequate to our Succeſſes, and the Expences of this juſt and neceſſary War; your Majeſty, undazzled by the Splendor of repeated Victories, having no other View than to vindicate the Honor of your Crown, and to eſtabliſh and ſecure the juſt Rights and Poſſeſſions of your Subjects.

In ſo laudable a Purſuit, ſo becoming the Father of his People, your Majeſty may firmly rely on the ſtrongeſt and moſt chearful Efforts of the grateful Citizens of *London*, united in Duty and

Affection

Affection to your Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, and in Zeal for the Glory and Proſperity of their Country.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Seventh of April, 1762.

I thank you for your loyal and affectionate Congratulations upon our late important Succeſs. Too much Praiſe cannot be given to the Bravery and Conduct of my Fleet and Army. You ſay truly, that I am not dazzled by the Splendor of repeated Victories: The permanent Proſperity of my People, as a free and commercial Nation, has always been the Object of my Ambition: What conduces moſt to that End, I ſhall ever count my greateſt Glory.

FLUDYER,

FLUDYER, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Thirteenth Day of *Auguſt*, 1762.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the King, to congratulate his Majeſty upon the ſafe Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of a Prince? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's ever dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of your City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, humbly beg Leave to embrace this earlieſt Opportunity of congratulating your Majeſty upon the ſafe and happy Delivery of the Queen, and the auſpicious Birth of a Prince.

So

So important an Event, and upon a Day ever ſacred to Liberty and theſe Kingdoms, fills us with the moſt grateful Sentiments of the Divine Goodneſs, that has thus early crowned your Majeſty's domeſtic Happineſs, and opened to your People the agreeable Proſpect of Permanence and Stability to the Bleſſings they derive from the Wiſdom and Steadineſs of your Majeſty's victorious Reign.

May the ſame gracious Providence ſoon reſtore your Majeſty's moſt amiable and beloved Conſort, and give perfect Health and Length of Days to the Royal Infant.

Long, very long, may your Majeſty live the Guardian and Protector, the Ornament and Delight of *Great Britain*, and, by your Inſtructions and Example, to form the Mind of your Royal Son to the Government of a free, brave, and generous People; and, in the Fullneſs of Time, may that Son ſucceed to the Virtues, as well as to the Throne of his Royal Father, and preſerve, for a long Succeſſion of Years, the Glory, Happineſs, and Proſperity of his Country.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Fourteenth Day of Auguſt, 1762.

I receive, with the greateſt Pleaſure, the very affectionate Expreſſions of your Duty and Attachment

tachment to me, and to my Family; and thank you for your Congratulations upon an Event ſo intereſting to me, and to the future Welfare of my People, with which my own Happineſs, upon this and every other Occaſion, is inſeparably connected.—The City of *London* may always depend upon my conſtant Favour and Protection.

FLUDYER, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Firſt Day of *October*, 1762.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree to addreſs his Majeſty upon the Conqueſt of the *Havannah?* The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's ever dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons

mons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majeſty upon the late ſignal Succeſs, with which it has pleaſed the ALMIGHTY to bleſs your Majeſty's Arms, in the Reduction of the *Havannah* and its Dependencies, (moſt properly ſtiled the Key of the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*, and long deemed impregnable) under a Capitulation that does Honor to the Spirit and Humanity of the *Britiſh* Nation.

It is with the higheſt Pleaſure we reflect upon the Value and Importance of this Conqueſt, attended with the Acquiſition of immenſe Riches, and an irreparable Blow to the Trade and Naval Power of *Spain*.—A Conqueſt that gives additional Luſtre to an already glorious and ſucceſsful War, and which cannot but ſtrike Terror into an Enemy not only unprovoked, but inſenſible to the repeated Inſtances of your Majeſty's Goodwill, Friendſhip, and Moderation, and convince him, that there is no Attempt, how arduous ſoever, but what, planned and directed by the Wiſdom of your Majeſty's Councils, may, under the Divine Providence, be effected by the Harmony, Activity, and Abilities of ſuch Commanders, and the Valour, Zeal, and Emulation of your Fleets and Armies, regardleſs of any Fatigues or Dangers, wherever the Glory of their King and Country is concerned.

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May the Poſſeſſion of this very valuable Conqueſt, together with other happy Conſequences of your Majeſty's Meaſures, thus wiſely and vigorouſly purſued, prove the Means of effectually defeating the ambitious Views of your Majeſty's Enemies, and of for ever diſſolving the late alarming Compact of the Houſe of *Bourbon*, calculated to deſtroy the Commerce of your Subjects, and replete with Danger to the Exiſtence of your Majeſty's antient and natural Ally, and to the Independence of the reſt of the Powers of *Europe*.

And we beg Leave humbly to aſſure your Majeſty, that your faithful Citizens of *London*, animated by the warmeſt Senſe of Duty to your Majeſty and their Country, will, with unwearied Chearfulneſs, contribute their utmoſt Efforts to ſtrengthen your Majeſty's Hands, until your Enemies, moved by their own repeated Loſſes and Diſtreſſes, ſhall be diſpoſed to liſten to ſuch Terms of Accommodation, as your Royal Wiſdom ſhall think adequate to our glorious Succeſſes, and ſuch as may effectually ſecure the Trade and Navigation of your Subjects, and prevent the Calamities of a future War.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Fourth of October, 1762.

I return you my cordial Thanks for this very dutiful and loyal Addreſs, and for the continued

Proofs you give me of your Attachment to my Perſon and Government.

The able Conduct, unwearied Activity, and exemplary Harmony of my Commanders by Sea and Land, and the intrepid Valour of my Fleets and Armies, have never been more conſpicuous than on the preſent Occaſion, and have acquired additional Glory to the *Britiſh* Arms.

The ſteady Affections of my People, and their Zeal for the Honor of my Crown, will, I truſt, under the Bleſſing of God, enable me to terminate this juſt War, by an equitable, glorious, and laſting Peace.

The Proſperity of the City of *London*, and the extenſive Trade and Navigation of my faithful Subjects, are, and ever will be, the conſtant Object of my unwearied Care and Attention.

BECK-

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-ſecond Day of *March*, 1763.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That it is the Opinion of this Court, that a Petition be prepared to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, againſt ſo much of a Bill now depending in that Honourable Houſe, for granting to his Majeſty an additional Duty on Wine, Cyder, and Perry, as relates to ſubjecting the Makers of Cyder and Perry, to the Exciſe Laws? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Petition was agreed to, as follows:

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain, *in Parliament aſſembled.*

The humble Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners have obſerved, by the Votes of this Honourable Houſe, that a Bill is now depending, for granting to his Majeſty an additional Duty on Wine, Cyder, and Perry; which Bill, your Petitioners have been informed, ſubjects the Makers of Cyder and Perry to the Laws of Exciſe.

That your Petitioners, with the deepeſt Concern, cannot help conſidering this unexpected Proceeding, as preparatory to a general Extenſion of thoſe grievous Laws; for when new Orders of Men, by Situation and Profeſſion, diſtinct from Traders, are rendered Objects of the Exciſe Laws, the Precedent is formidable, not to Commerce only, but hath a fatal Tendency, which your Petitioners tremble to think of.

That as every Attempt to enlarge the Dominion of the Exciſe, muſt awaken your Petitioners Fears; it will alſo juſtify their dutiful Repreſentations

tations to this Honourable Houſe, the Guardians of Liberty.

That after all the Burthens, ſo chearfully borne, all the Hardſhips ſo patiently endured, and all the Blood ſo freely ſpilt, in Support of the late juſt, glorious, and ſucceſsful War, your Petitioners moſt humbly hope, that the meritorious Subjects of this Country, may not feel the Extenſion of Exciſe Laws among the firſt Fruits of Peace.

Your Petitioners, therefore, moſt humbly pray, that ſo much of the ſaid Bill, as ſubjects the Makers of Cyder and Perry to the Powers of Exciſe, may not paſs into a Law; and your Petitioners ſhall pray, &c.

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Wednesday*, the Twenty-third Day of *March*, 1763.

A Committee was appointed to draw up a Repreſentation, by way of Inſtruction, to the ſeveral Members who ſerve for this City in Parliament, againſt ſo much of a Bill, now depending in the Honourable Houſe of Commons, for granting to his Majeſty an additional Duty on Wine, Cyder, and Perry, as relates to ſubjecting the Makers of Cyder and Perry to the Exciſe Laws; which Committee preſented a Draft of a Repreſentation, by them prepared, to the Repreſentatives of this City in Parliament; and after twice reading, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto, the ſame was agreed to in the following Words:

The Repreſentation of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, to the Repreſentatives of this City in Parliament.

THIS Court cannot forbear expreſſing to you their Surpriſe at the precipitate Progreſs which

which has been already made, in a new Attempt towards a general Exciſe.

The Extenſion of Exciſe Laws into private Houſes, whereby the Subject is made liable to a frequent and arbitrary Viſitation of Officers, and the judicial Determination of Commiſſioners, removeable at Pleaſure, is inconſiſtent with thoſe Principles of Liberty which have hitherto diſtinguiſhed this Nation from arbitrary Governments.

An Attack upon the Liberty of the Subject, made ſo immediately, after a glorious and ſucceſsful War, and at a Time when we had juſt Reaſon to expect to enjoy the Bleſſings of Peace, demands your ſerious Attention.

And this Court doth remark, that whatever may be the Neceſſity of the Times, the Smallneſs of the Sum indicates *that* cannot be the only Motive to ſo extraordinary a Meaſure.

For theſe Reaſons, this Court doth moſt earneſtly recommend your conſtant Attendance in Parliament, and utmoſt Endeavours to oppoſe every Enlargement and Extenſion of the Powers of Exciſe; and that you do not conceal from the Public any ſuch Attempts, nor ſuffer yourſelves to be amuſed by any plauſible Alteration in the Bill, ſubjecting the Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws.

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall*, of the City of *London*, on *Monday*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *March*, 1763.

RESOLVED, that it is the Opinion of this Court, to preſent an humble Petition to every Branch of the Legiſlature, before whom the Bill, ſubjecting the Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws ſhall depend; and a Petition to the Honourable the Houſe of Lords being prepared, was agreed to, as follows:

To the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

The humble Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Sheweth,

THAT by a Bill now depending before your Lordſhips, for granting to his Majeſty an additional Duty on Wine, Cyder, and Perry, the Makers

Makers of Cyder and Perry are ſubjected to the Laws of Exciſe.

Your Petitioners, with the deepeſt Concern, conſider this unexpected Proceeding as preparatory to a general Extenſion of thoſe grievous Laws; for when new Orders of Men, by Situation and Profeſſion, diſtinct from Traders, are rendered the Objects of Exciſe Laws, the Precedent is formidable, not to Commerce only, but hath a fatal Tendency, which your Petitioners tremble to think of.

That as every Attempt to enlarge the Dominion of the Exciſe, muſt awaken your Petitioners Fears; it will alſo juſtify this their dutiful Repreſentation to your Lordſhips.

That after all the Burthens ſo chearfully borne, all the Hardſhips ſo patiently endured, and all the Blood ſo freely ſpilt, in Support of the late, juſt, glorious, and ſucceſsful War, your Petitioners humbly hope, that the meritorious Subjects of this Country may not feel an Extenſion of Exciſe Laws amongſt the firſt Fruits of Peace.

Your Petitioners, therefore, moſt humbly pray, that ſo much of the ſaid Bill, as ſubjects the Makers of Cyder and Perry to the Laws of Exciſe, may not paſs into a Law; and your Petitioners ſhall ever pray.

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A Petition to his Majesty, prepared for the Purpose aforesaid, was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled.

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT your Petitioners are fully convinced, that the collecting the Duties intended to be laid upon the Makers of Cyder and Perry, by way of Excise, is not, nor can, in many Instances, be so regulated, but that it will occasion numberless Difficulties and Questions.

That the Method of Trial and Decision of Excise Disputes, are founded only in Necessity, being in their Nature arbitrary and inconsistent with the Principles of Liberty, and the happy Constitution of your Majesty's Government.

That the exposing private Houses to be entered into, and searched at Pleasure by Persons unknown, will be a Badge of Slavery upon your People.

That

That your Petitioners, firmly confiding in your Majeſty's gracious Favour, and filled with a moſt humble and grateful Senſe of your paternal Affection for your People, moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, to protect their Liberty, and to keep them happy, and at Eaſe, free from the Apprehenſion of being diſturbed in their Property; by which your Majeſty will erect a laſting Monument of your Goodneſs in every Houſe in the Kingdom.

Your Petitioners, therefore, moſt humbly implore your Majeſty, that you will not give your Royal Aſſent to a Bill, which ſubjects the Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws;

And your Petitioners ſhall pray, &c.

BECK-

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Thirty-firſt Day of *May*, 1763.

THIS Day, Mr. Town Clerk laid before this Court, a Letter which he received by the Poſt from *Benjamin Heath*, Eſq; Town-Cl[e]rk of the City of *Exeter*, wherein was incloſed the Re[ſ]olutions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Exeter*, in Chamber aſſembled; which were read, as follows:

SIR, *Exeter*, *May* 7, 1763.

In Obedience to an Order of our Mayor and Chamber, I take the Liberty of tranſmitting to you, the Copy herewith incloſed, of a corporate Act of that Body, which they would entreat the Favour of you to preſent in their Name, and with their grateful Reſpects, to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council of the City of *London*, with the earlieſt Opportunity.

You

You will permit me to add, that as it is the preſent Intention of our Chamber, to cauſe this Addreſs to be inſerted in the public Papers, from a Perſuaſion, that the ſetting this Example to other Bodies no leſs intereſted, may, in ſome Meaſure, contribute towards the attaining the good End propoſed; and as a good deal may depend on the Concert aimed at, being formed with as little Delay as poſſible, the earlieſt Information of the Reception this Inſtance of our Zeal and Gratitude may meet with, from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen at leaſt, on which the intended Publication will abſolutely depend, will be eſteemed as a very particular Favour to the Body, by whom I am authoriſed, and whoſe moſt reſpectful Compliments you are deſired to accept, together with thoſe of,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

BENJAMIN HEATH,
Town-Clerk of *Exeter*.

By the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Exeter*, in Chamber aſſembled, *May* 6, 1763.

RESOLVED unanimouſly, That the Thanks of this Body be preſented to the Right Honourable

able the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *London*, in grateful Acknowledgment of the high Obligation conferred on us, in common with the whole Kingdom, by their ſpirited, ſteady, and diſintereſted Interpoſition in our Favour, with every Branch of the Legiſlature, as well as by their Inſtructions to their Repreſentatives, dictated by a truly *Engliſh* Patriotiſm, upon the Bill for laying a new Duty on Cyder and Perry; and that at a Conjuncture, wherein the uncommon Diſpatch with which that Bill was carried through the uſual Forms, precluded the more diſtant Counties, which are chiefly affected by it, from the Opportunity of making thoſe dutiful Repreſentations againſt it, which would undoubtedly have been attended to, and we are perſuaded would, upon impartial Examination, have prevented it paſſing into a Law.

As this Body, in virtue of their Situation, in the Middle of one of the great Cyder Counties, hath immediately under its Eye the alarming Proſpect of the deſtructive Conſequences of this new Tax; a Tax the moſt unequal in its Impoſition, by laying the whole Burthen of Expences, incurred in the general Defence of the Kingdom, and in the Protection of the national Commerce, on a few particular Counties, which in every other Article of the public Charge, contribute at leaſt their full

full Share; a Tax the moſt diſproportioned to the prime Coſt, and natural original Value of the Product charged with it, which, in plentiful Years, ſuch as the laſt, it very greatly exceeds; a Tax the moſt grievous, both to the Land Owners and the Landholders; to the former, as its Amount, on a great Part of the Eſtates in our adjacent County of *Devon*, will be much higher than the higheſt Land-Tax, which muſt inevitably draw after it a proportionable Abatement in the Rents, while all other Rates, Taxes, public and private Charges, will continue the ſame; to the Landholders, by their being ſubjected univerſally in the Cyder Counties (Cottages only in Part exempted) to the juſtly dreaded Severity, and burthenſome Reſtraint of the Exciſe Laws; and by the Neceſſity they will find themſelves under, of ſubmitting to a Compoſition, which, in effect, amounts to a Capitation Tax of Five Shillings a Head on every Servant, Apprentice, and Child of eight Years old in a Family, in Contradiction to the uncontroverted Maxims of good Policy; one of the principal Aims of which hath ever been, to give all poſſible Encouragement to Marriage and Population; a Tax in fine, which, for want, as is humbly preſumed, of ſufficient Information of the Circumſtances relative to its Object, it is impracticable to levy, under the preſent Proviſions, without very unneceſſarily expoſing the Proprietors to great Hardſhip, heavy Loſs, and frequent vexatious Diſappointment, as well as the Officers,

Officers, to abundant ſuperfluous Trouble, and almoſt inextricable Perplexity. For theſe Reaſons, which are by no Means exaggerated, and many others of great Weight, this Body is determined, at the next enſuing Seſſion of Parliament, to take every Step, employ every Method, and enter into every Concert, warranted by our Conſtitution, in order to obtain a Repeal of the Law by which this Tax is impoſed; and in this View, they make it their moſt earneſt Requeſt to the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Common Council of the City of *London*, that they will be pleaſed to continue to them that Aſſiſtance, which they have already ſo very generouſly exerted in their Favor, and to co-operate with them, towards the obtaining an End, in which the Conſtitution and Liberties of the Kingdom, and the Well-being of that Part of it, which is more immediately affected by this Law, are ſo deeply intereſted.

Done in Chamber, the Day and Year above-written.

BENJAMIN HEATH,

Town-Clerk of *Exeter*.

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RESOLVED unanimouſly, That an humble Petition be preſented to the Honourable the Houſe of Commons, at their firſt Meeting for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs, praying a Repeal of ſo much of an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion, intituled, "An Act for granting to his "Majeſty ſeveral additional Duties upon Wines "imported into this Kingdom, and certain Du- "ties upon all Cyder and Perry; and for raiſing "the Sum of Three Millions Five Hundred "Thouſand Pounds, by way of Annuities and "Lottery, to be charged on the ſaid Duties," as ſubjects the private Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws; and that the Powers of Exciſe may not be extended to private Houſes in any Inſtance, under any Reſtriction or Compoſition whatſoever.

It is ordered, That the Town-Clerk do acquaint the Right Worſhipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Exeter*, with this Reſolution, by a Letter, to be forthwith tranſmitted to the Town-Clerk of that City.

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-third Day of *Auguſt*, 1763.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, congratulating him on the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the auſpicious Birth of another Prince? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, moſt gladly embrace this joyful Occaſion

caſion of approaching your ſacred Perſon, with our ſincereſt and warmeſt Congratulations, on the ſafe Delivery of the Queen, and the auſpicious Birth of another Prince, firmly truſting, that every Increaſe of your Royal Family, will prove an additional Security to our Religion, and that great Charter of Liberty, which, in Conſequence of the glorious Revolution, your illuſtrious Houſe was choſen to defend.

Your Majeſty's ever loyal and faithful Citizens of *London*, exceeded by none of your Subjects, in honeſt and anxious Zeal for your Majeſty's Happineſs, and the Glory and Proſperity of your Reign, rejoice in every Event which augments your Majeſty's domeſtic Felicity.

Permit us, Royal Sir, to intreat your Majeſty's Acceptance of our faithful Aſſurances, that we will, at all Times be ready, chearfully to render to your Majeſty, every Inſtance of Allegiance and Duty, which affectionate and loyal Subjects can pay to the beſt of Princes.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Twenty-fifth Day of Auguſt, 1763.

I thank you for this loyal Addreſs, and for the Satisfaction you expreſs on the Increaſe of my Family. The Religion and Liberties of my

People always have been, and ever ſhall be, the conſtant Objects of my Care and Attention. I ſhall, at all Times, depend upon the Aſſurances which you give me, of your Allegiance and Duty.

BRIDGEN, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Fifteenth Day of *November*, 1763.

A Petition being prepared to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, praying, that ſo much of an Act of Parliament paſſed in the laſt Seſſion, intituled, "An Act for granting to his Majeſty ſe-"veral additional Duties upon Wines imported "into this Kingdom, and certain Duties upon all "Cyder and Perry, &c." as ſubjects the private Makers of Cyder and Perry to Exciſe Laws, may be repealed, was agreed to, as follows:

To

To the Honourable the Commons of Great-Britain *in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled.

Sheweth,

THAT by an Act passed in the last Sessions of the present Parliament, intituled, " An Act " for granting to his Majesty several additional " Duties upon Wines imported into this King- " dom, and certain Duties upon all Cyder and " Perry, and for raising the Sum of Three Mil- " lions Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, by " way of Annuities and Lottery, to be charged " on the said Duties," such of the Rates and Duties by the said Act granted, as are charged upon Cyder and Perry, are appointed to be under the Receipt and Management of the Commissioners and Officers of his Majesty's Revenue of Excise; and the Makers of Cyder and Perry are, by the said Act, made liable to the Search, Survey, and Controul of the Officers of Excise, and to divers Forfeitures and Penalties to be inflicted and recovered without the Intervention of a Jury, by summary Methods of Proceeding unknown to the Common Law.

That your Petitioners have been informed, that this Mode of collecting the ſeveral Duties abovementioned, is an intolerable Burthen to the Farmers and other Occupiers of Orchard Grounds, who, as the Makers of Cyder and Perry, are immediately affected by it.

That your Petitioners, though not immediately affected by it in its preſent Operation, are deeply intereſted therein, as it is a Precedent of an Extenſion of Exciſe Laws, which, under any Circumſtances, bears ſo hard upon the Liberty of the Subject, as ſcarcely to be deemed leſs burthenſome, grievous, and prejudicial to the Kingdom, than the Tenures which they aboliſhed: And as this Precedent appears to your Petitioners to have a very general, dangerous, and alarming Tendency, they have therefore thought it their Duty (having Regard to the Rank they bear amongſt his Majeſty's Subjects) to be the earlieſt in their humble Application to this Honourable Houſe, to obtain a Repeal of ſo much of the ſaid Act, as ſubjects the Makers of Cyder and Perry to the Exciſe Laws.

In the fulleſt Confidence, that this Honourable Houſe will liſten to the Petition of any of his Majeſty's S jects, in a Caſe where they think themſelves, or any of their Fellow-Subjects, aggrieved, and more eſpecially where their Liberties are concerned.

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Your Petitioners moſt humbly pray this Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and to grant them ſuch Relief therein as to this Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet; and your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, &c.

BRIDGEN, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-firſt Day of *February*, 1764.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Thanks of this Court be given to Sir *Robert Ladbroke*, Knight; Sir *Richard Glyn*, Knight and Baronet; *William Beckford*, Eſq; and the Honourable *Thomas Harley*, the Repreſentatives of this City in Parliament; for their zealous and ſpirited Endeavours to maintain the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, by their laudable Attempt to obtain a ſeaſonable and parliamentary Declaration, that a General Warrant for apprehending and ſeizing the Authors, Printers, and Publiſhers of a ſeditious Libel, together with their Papers, is not warranted by Law:

And this Court doth expreſs their warmeſt Exhortations, that they ſteadily perſevere in their Duty to the Crown, and uſe their utmoſt Efforts to ſecure the Houſes, Papers, and Perſon of the Subject from arbitrary and illegal Violations? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That as the Independency and Uprightneſs of Judges is eſſential to the impartial Adminiſtration of Juſtice, and one of the beſt Securities to the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, this Court, in Manifeſtation of the juſt Senſe it entertains of the inflexible Firmneſs and Integrity of the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Pratt*, Lord Chief Juſtice of his Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas, doth direct that the Freedom of this City be preſented to his Lordſhip, in a Gold Box, (and that his Lordſhip be deſired to ſit for his Picture, to be put up in the *Guildhall* of this City) in Gratitude for his conſtitutional and deliberate Deciſion upon the Validity of a Warrant which had been frequently produced (but ſo far as appears to this Court never debated) in the Court of King's Bench, by which he hath moſt eminently diſtinguiſhed his Duty to the King, his Juſtice to the Subject, and his Knowledge of the Law? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His

His Lordſhip's Anſwer, delivered the Seventh Day of March, 1764.

IT is impoſſible for me not to feel the moſt ſenſible Pleaſure in finding my Behaviour, in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, approved by the City of *London*, the moſt reſpectable Body in this Kingdom, after the Two Houſes in Parliament; if they have been pleaſed, from any Part of my Conduct, to entertain an Opinion of my Integrity (the beſt Quality of a Judge) my utmoſt Ambition is ſatisfied; and I may venture, without the Reproach of Vanity, to take to myſelf the Character of an honeſt Man, which the City of *London* have told me I am intitled to; but they will give me Leave, at the ſame Time, to aſcribe it only to my own good Fortune that I happen to be diſtinguiſhed, upon the preſent Occaſion, beyond the reſt of my Brethren; ſince I am perſuaded, that if they had been called upon, as I was, they would have acted with the like conſcientious Regard to their Oaths, and to the Law of the Land.

Since, however, the City of *London* has now given me a Reputation, I muſt take more than ordinary Care to preſerve their Gift, by the ſtricteſt Attention to my Duty, knowing that the beſt Way of thanking the Public for Honors like theſe, is by perſevering in the ſame Conduct by which their Approbation was firſt acquired.

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STEPHENSON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Saturday*, the Twenty-third Day of *March*, 1765.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of the City of *London* be humbly preſented to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Glouceſter*, in Teſtimony of the dutiful Affection of this Court for their illuſtrious Sovereign, and every Branch of his Royal Houſe, and of the high Senſe they entertain of his Royal Highneſs's eminent and illuſtrious Virtues and Accompliſhments, and that his Royal Highneſs be humbly requeſted to honor this City by his Acceptance of the ſaid Freedom? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to his Royal Highneſs, in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His

His Royal Highneſs's Anſwer, delivered the Sixth of June, 1765.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I return you my beſt Thanks for this Mark of your Duty and Loyalty to the King, and of your Affection to me. I am very thankful for your good Opinion, and ſhall try, in all Times, to deſerve it, by my hearty Wiſhes for the Proſperity of this great City, and by laying hold of every Opportunity that ſhall offer, to promote the Trade and Manufactures of my native Country.

STEPHENSON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *Auguſt*, 1765.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, congratulating him on the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the auſpicious Birth of another Prince? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's ever loyal and faithful Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, humbly beſeech your Majeſty to accept our moſt ſincere and dutiful Congratulations on the ſafe Delivery of the Queen, and the auſpicious Birth of another Prince.

The joyful Event of an Increaſe in your Majeſty's illuſtrious Family, will always be gratefully conſidered by us, as a further ſubſtantial Security to the civil and religious Liberties of this your Majeſty's free and native Country: Every Addition to your Majeſty's domeſtic Happineſs fills our Hearts with the higheſt Pleaſure and Satisfaction; and, fully confiding that your Majeſty's Royal Sentiments ever coincide with the united Wiſhes of your faithful People, we gladly embrace every Opportunity of teſtifying our Joy, and laying our Congratulations at your Majeſty's Feet.

Permit us, therefore, Royal Sir, to aſſure your Majeſty, that your faithful Citizens of *London*, from

from their zealous Attachment to your Royal Houſe, and the true Honor and Dignity of your Crown, whenever a happy Eſtabliſhment of public Meaſures ſhall preſent a favourable Occaſion, will be ready to exert their utmoſt Abilities in Support of ſuch wiſe Councils, as apparently tend to render your Majeſty's Reign happy and glorious.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Twenty-eighth Day of Auguſt, 1765.

I thank you for this dutiful Addreſs: Your Congratulations on the further Increaſe of my Family, and your Aſſurances of zealous Attachment to it, cannot but be very agreeable to me: I have nothing ſo much at Heart as the Welfare and Happineſs of my People, and have the greateſt Satisfaction in every Event that may be an additional Security to thoſe civil and religious Liberties upon which the Proſperity of theſe Kingdoms depends.

STEPHENSON, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Fifteenth Day of *October*, 1765.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of the City of *London*, be preſented to his Serene Highneſs the Hereditary Prince of *Brunſwick Lunenburg*, in Teſtimony of the Loyalty of this Court to their moſt gracious Sovereign, and of their affectionate Regard to every Branch of the illuſtrious Houſe of *Brunſwick*, under which our Religion, Laws and Liberties, are maintained and preſerved, and to expreſs the high Eſteem they have for a Prince who has rendered himſelf glorious by his heroic Valour on all Occaſions, and eminent for his private Virtues? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to his Serene Highneſs in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His

His Serene Highneſs's Anſwer, delivered on Wedneſday, *the* 18*th of* December, 1766.

My Lord Mayor and Gentlemen,

I accept your Preſent with great Pleaſure, and I look upon it as a particular Honor conferred on me by this great and opulent City.

N E L S O N, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Third Day of *October*, 1766.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the King, to congratulate his Majeſty on the happy Delivery of the Queen, on the Increaſe of his Majeſty's Family by the Birth of a Princeſs Royal, and the auſpicious Marriage of his Majeſty's Royal Siſter, the Princeſs *Carolina Matilda*, with the King of *Denmark*? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons

mons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, with the moſt zealous Ardour and Affection, embrace the earlieſt Opportunity of approaching the Throne of the beſt of Princes, with our joyful Congratulations on every Event pleaſing to your Majeſty, and ſalutary to your Kingdoms.

The ſafe Delivery of the Queen, a Princeſs endeared to your Majeſty and the whole Nation by every royal and virtuous Accompliſhment, fills our Hearts with the utmoſt Thankfulneſs to Divine Providence.

An Increaſe of your Majeſty's auguſt Family, by the Birth of a Princeſs Royal, cannot fail of diffuſing univerſal Joy amongſt all your faithful Subjects, as it farther ſecures to them and their Poſterity a long Continuance of thoſe ineſtimable Bleſſings which they have hitherto enjoyed under the Protection of your Majeſty's illuſtrious Houſe.

The auſpicious Marriage of your Majeſty's Royal Siſter, the Princeſs *Carolina Matilda*, with that great Potentate, the King of *Denmark* (on which we beg Leave to felicitate your Majeſty) muſt afford the moſt intereſting Satisfaction, not only to us, but all your Majeſty's loyal Subjects.

Permit us, Royal Sir, to aſſure you, that your faithful Citizens of *London* are ever ready to evince

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to all the World, that their Hearts and Affections are ſincere Oblations of Gratitude to your Majeſty for your conſtant paternal Care, and eſpecially for the recent Inſtance of your tender Attention to the Neceſſities of your People.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Twenty-eighth Day of October, 1766.

YOUR loyal and affectionate Profeſſions upon the happy Events of my Queen's ſafe Delivery, and the Marriage of my Siſter to my very good Ally, the King of *Denmark*, cannot but be moſt acceptable to me.

It is with Pleaſure that I ſee the juſt Senſe, which the City of *London* entertains of thoſe Meaſures, which the Neceſſity of the Occaſion obliged me to take for the Relief of my People, and I hope they will have the deſired Effect of quieting Mens Minds, and removing the Diſtreſſes which ſeemed daily to increaſe.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, happy in every Occaſion of approaching your Royal Preſence with our moſt dutiful Congratulations, beg Leave to expreſs our moſt unfeigned Joy, on the ſafe Delivery of that moſt excellent Princeſs the Queen, and the further Increaſe of your Royal Family by the Birth of another Prince.

We cannot but feel ourſelves deeply intereſted in every Event which affects the illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, under whoſe mild Government the *Britiſh* Subjects have, for more than Half a Century, been bleſſed with a full Enjoyment of their civil and religious Rights, and a Series of Happineſs unknown to the ſame Extent in any former Period.

Permit us, therefore, Royal Sir, at the ſame Time, to offer our ſincere Condolence on the much-lamented Death of your Majeſty's Royal Brother, the Duke of *York*, whoſe many eminent and princely Virtues have juſtly endeared his Memory to all your Majeſty's loyal Subjects, and made

made the private Loſs of the Royal Family a public Misfortune.

May the Divine Providence long preſerve your Majeſty, and may there never be wanting one of your Majeſty's Royal Deſcendants to be the Guardian of our moſt happy Conſtitution.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Eleventh Day of November, 1767.

I thank you for this loyal Addreſs, and for the Satisfaction you expreſs in the Increaſe of my Family. Thoſe Expreſſions of your zealous Attachment cannot but be agreeable to me. The Religion and Liberties of my People always have been, and ever ſhall be, the conſtant Objects of my Care and Attention; and I ſhall eſteem it one of my firſt Duties to inſtil the ſame Principles into thoſe who may ſucceed me.

I regard your Condolence on the melancholy Event of the Duke of *York*'s Death, as an additional Proof of your Attachment to me and my Family, and I take this firſt Opportunity of expreſſing my Thanks for it.

Britain, and one of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, as a Tribute juſtly due to his diſtinguiſhed Talents, ſo happily employed and ſo ſucceſsfully exerted in the Service of his King and Country; and as a Mark of our Gratitude for the late Inſtances of his Regard to the City of *London*, and Readineſs to promote its Embelliſhment, Convenience, and Proſperity; but more eſpecially for his ſedulous Application and Endeavours to promote the Trade and Manufactures of this Kingdom, to leſſen the public Debt, and, with this ſalutary View, to diminiſh the Expences and improve the Revenues of the State, without weakening the National Force, or laying additional Burthens upon Commerce; for his Spirit and Reſolution in adviſing the late extraordinary but neceſſary Exertion of Power in Favor of the Poor, under the alarming Proſpect of Famine, without attempting to endanger the Liberties of his Country, by exalting the Royal Prerogative above the Law; and, laſtly, for his well tempered Zeal in Support of the undoubted legiſlative Authority of the King and Parliament of *Great Britain* over all Parts of his Majeſty's Dominions? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

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Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom, with the Reſolution of the Court inſerted therein, be delivered by the Chamberlain to the Right Hon. *Charles Townſhend*, Chancellor and Under Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer, in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

The Right Honourable Charles Townſhend *died before the Freedom of the City could be preſented to him, and the Gold Box was ordered to be depoſited with Mr. Chamberlain.*

K I T E, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Sixth Day of *November*, 1767.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the King, to congratulate his Majeſty on the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of another Prince, and to condole his Majeſty on the Death of his late Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York*? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

K I T E, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tuesday*, the Sixteenth Day of *December*, 1766.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of this City be preſented to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland*, in Teſtimony of the dutiful Attachment of this Court to his Majeſty and his illuſtrious Houſe, and as a Mark of their profound Reſpect for his Royal Highneſs, whoſe princely Accompliſhments have juſtly endeared him to all his Majeſty's Subjects; and that his Royal Highneſs be humbly requeſted to honor this City by his Acceptance of the ſaid Freedom? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That a Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to his Royal Highneſs in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His

His Royal Highneſs's Anſwer, delivered the Twelfth of March, 1767.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I thank you for this diſtinguiſhing Mark of your Duty to the King, and your Attention to me; and I receive it with Pleaſure. I ſhall always be glad to contribute as much as I can to the Intereſt and Advantage of the City of *London*, and ſhall heartily embrace every Opportunity to promote its Trade and Manufactures.

K I T E, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Twenty-third Day of *June*, 1767.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of this City be preſented to the Right Honourable *Charles Townſhend*, Chancellor and Under Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer, one of the Lords Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Treaſurer of *Great*

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HARLEY, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Monday*, the Tenth Day of *October*, 1768.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of the City of *London* be humbly preſented to the moſt illuſtrious Prince *Chriſtian* the Seventh, by the Grace of God, King of *Denmark*, *Norway*, the *Vandals* and *Goths*, Duke of *Sleſwick*, *Holſtein*, *Stormarn*, and the *Dithmarches*, Count of *Oldenburg* and *Delmenhorſt*, &c &c. as a Mark of the dutiful Attachment of this Court to their moſt gracious Sovereign, (to whom his Majeſty is ſo nearly related and ſo happily allied) and as a Proof of their high Eſteem and Veneration for a young Monarch, who by viſiting this Iſland, and by the whole of his amiable Deportment there, has manifeſted his Affection for the King and Nation, and a noble Ambition to im-

improve himſelf in the various Arts which humanize Mankind, and which being applied to promote the Honor of his Crown, and the Proſperity of his People, will add Dignity to the Prince, and Luſtre to the Diadem he wears? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to the King of *Denmark*, in a Gold Box of the Value of Two Hundred Guineas? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

HARLEY,

And a Motion being made, and Queſtion put, That the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor be deſired to iſſue a Precept, to aſſemble the Livery, in Common Hall, purſuant to their Application to his Lordſhip? The ſame was declared to be carried in the Negative; and a Diviſion being demanded and granted, there appeared to be ſix Aldermen and Eighty-four Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Negative; and three Aldermen and Sixty-ſeven Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Affirmative; whereupon his Lordſhip declared the ſame to be carried in the Negative.

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BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Thurſday*, the Firſt Day of *March*, 1770.

A MEMORIAL of the Committee of the Livery of *London*, appointed the 28th Day of *September* laſt, was produced to this Court; a Debate ariſing thereon, a Motion was made, that the ſame be now read? and the Queſtion being put, his Lordſhip declared the ſame to be carried in the Affirmative; And a Diviſion being demanded and granted, there appeared three Aldermen and One Hundred and Seven Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Affirmative; and Fifteen Aldermen, and fifty-nine Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Negative; whereupon his Lordſhip declared the ſame to be reſolved in the Affirmative; and then the Perſons ſubſcribing the ſaid Memorial, being ſeverally called in, the ſame was read in the following Words:

To

aſſembled, moſt humbly beg Leave to expreſs our ſincere and hearty Congratulations on the ſafe Delivery of the Queen, and auſpicious Birth of another Princeſs.

Every Increaſe of domeſtic Happineſs to your Majeſty and your moſt amiable Conſort, will always fill the Hearts of your faithful Citizens of *London* with Joy and Gratitude to the Divine Goodneſs.

Permit us, Sir, to offer you our moſt unfeigned Aſſurances of Duty and Affection to your Royal Perſon; and we moſt ardently pray, that your Reign may be long and proſperous, that Loyalty to your Majeſty, Submiſſion to the Laws, the Love of true conſtitutional Liberty, and a well-governed Zeal for the common Welfare, may animate your Majeſty's Subjects throughout every Part of your extenſive Empire.

His Majeſty's Anſwer, delivered the Sixteenth of November, 1768.

I receive with the greateſt Pleaſure this dutiful and affectionate Addreſs, and return you my hearty Thanks for your Congratulations on the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of a Princeſs, as well as for the repeated Aſſurances you give me of your Loyalty and Attachment to my Perſon and Family.

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The Preſervation of the Religion, Laws, Liberties of my People, in every Part of my Dominions, is eſſential to their true Happineſs, and is, therefore, the great Object of my Attention; theſe are the Principles which ever have been, and ever ſhall be the ſole Rule of my Government.

TURNER, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Fifth Day of *May*, 1769.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Mayor acquainted this Court, the Reaſon of calling them together at this Time, was in Conſequence of an Application of a great Number of the Livery deſiring his Lordſhip to call a Common Hall, in the following Words: "For the Purpoſe of taking "the Senſe of the Livery of *London*, on the Mea"ſures proper to be purſued by them in the pre"ſent alarming Situation of public Affairs," which his Lordſhip had refuſed, till he had taken the Opinion of this Court.

And

HARLEY, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Wedneſday*, the Twelfth Day of *October*, 1768.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Mayor acquainted this Court, That purſuant to their Order of the Tenth Inſtant, he had waited on his Majeſty the King of *Denmark*, to learn his Pleaſure in what Manner he would have the Freedom of this City tranſmitted to him;—That his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to accept of the ſaid Freedom in the Company of *Goldſmiths*, and ſignified his Pleaſure that it ſhould be delivered to Baron *Dieden*, his Majeſty's Miniſter at this Court.

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TURNER, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Tueſday*, the Fifteenth Day of *November*, 1768.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, congratulating him on the happy Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of another Princeſs? The ſame was unanimouſly reſolved in the Affirmative; which Addreſs was agreed to, as follows:

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled,

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, *in Common Council aſſembled.*

The Memorial of the Committee of the Livery of *London*, appointed the 28th Day of *September* laſt.

Sheweth,

THAT the Livery of *London*, in Common Hall aſſembled, did, on the 24th of *June* laſt, direct a Petition to be preſented to his Majeſty, praying for a Redreſs of many enumerated and intolerable Grievances.

The Subjects of the moſt deſpotic Prince on Earth, when they humbly petition their Sovereign on the Score of Grievances, though they cannot promiſe to themſelves Redreſs, at leaſt expect an Anſwer. That the Livery of *London* know they have a Right to both; yet, contrary to antient Uſage, the Livery of his Majeſty's loyal City of *London*, after a Delay of eight Months, do ſtill remain unanſwered and unrelieved.

That the Violation of the Right of Election, by which they are moſt eſpecially affected, has been, ſince that Time, again avowed and declared legal by the Influence of his Majeſty's Miniſters.

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Your Memorialiſts, therefore, apply to you, the Common Council of the City of *London*, that you may join with them in a Requeſt to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, ſpeedily to aſſemble the Liverymen of the ſeveral Companies of the City of *London*, in a Common Hall, that they may have an Opportunity to take ſuch further Meaſures therein, for the Re-eſtabliſhment and Security of their antient Rights and Franchiſes as the preſent Times require.

C. Sommers,	Mich. Lovell,
Tho. Boddington,	Frederick Bull,
John Skey.	John Lawrence,

London, Feb. 28, 1770.

And the ſaid Memorial being handed to them, and they being reſpectively aſked, touching their Signing thereof, each of them declaring his Name thereto ſubſcribed, was his own proper Hand-Writing; they were then directed to withdraw.

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That Mr. *Lovell*, Mr. *Bull*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Sommers*, Mr. *Boddington*, and Mr. *Skey*, who have, at the Bar of this Court, avowed their reſpectively ſigning the Memorial this Day, preſented to this Court, be called in, and aſked where, and by whom they were appointed a Committee of the Livery of *London*, the 28th Day of *September* laſt, his Lordſhip declared the ſame to be carried in

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the Negative; and a Diviſion being demanded and granted, there appeared three Aldermen and Ninety-four Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Negative; and fifteen Aldermen and ſixty-nine Commoners, beſides the two Tellers, for the Affirmative; whereupon his Lordſhip declared the ſame to be reſolved in the Negative.

A Motion was made, that this Court doth agree with the Application of the ſaid Memorialiſts.

And another Motion being made, and Queſtion put, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Memorial be adjourned till the next Common Council? The ſame was reſolved in the Negative; then the ſaid Queſtion was put, that this Court doth agree with the Application of the ſaid Memorialiſts; the ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

BECKFORD, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Monday*, the Fourteenth Day of *May*, 1770.

A MOTION was made, and Queſtion put, That the grateful Thanks of this Court be preſented to the Right Honourable *William*, Earl of *Chatham*,

Chatham, for the Zeal he has ſhewn in Support of thoſe moſt valuable and ſacred Privileges, the Right of Election, and the Right of Petition, and for his Wiſhes and Declaration, that his Endeavours ſhall hereafter be uſed, that Parliaments may be reſtored to their original Purity, by ſhortening their Duration, and introducing a more full and equal Repreſentation; an Act, which will render his Name more honoured by Poſterity, than the memorable Succeſſes of the glorious War he conducted? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

His Lordſhip's Anſwer, delivered the Firſt Day of June, 1770.

Gentlemen,

IT is not eaſy for me to give Expreſſions to all I feel on the extraordinary Honor done to my public Conduct by the City of *London*; a Body ſo highly reſpectable on every Account; but above all, for their conſtant Aſſertion of the Birth-Rights of *Engliſhmen*, in every great Criſis of the Conſtitution.

In our preſent unhappy Situation, my Duty ſhall be, on all proper Occaſions, to add the zealous Endeavours of an Individual, to thoſe legal Exertions of conſtitutional Rights, which, to their everlaſting Honor, the City of *London* has made in Defence of Freedom of Election, of Petition,

and for obtaining effectual Reparation to the Electors of *Great Britain*.

As to one Point among the Declarations, which I am underſtood to have made, of my Wiſhes for the Public, permit me to ſay, there has been ſome Miſapprehenſion. For, with all Deference to the Sentiments of the City, I am bound to declare, that I cannot recommend Triennial Parliaments as a Remedy againſt that Canker in the Conſtitution, Venality in Elections; ready to ſubmit my Opinion to better Judgment, if the Wiſh for that Meaſure ſhall become prevalent in the Kingdom.

Purity of Parliament is the Corner-Stone in the Commonwealth; and as one obvious Means towards this neceſſary End to ſtrengthen and extend the natural Relation between the Conſtitution and the Elected, I have, in this View, publicly expreſſed my earneſt Wiſhes for a more full and equal Repreſentation, by the Addition of one Knight of the Shire in the County, as a farther Balance to the mercenary Boroughs. I have thrown out this Idea, with the juſt Diffidence of a private Man, when he preſumes to ſuggeſt any Thing new on a high Matter. Animated by your Approbation, I ſhall, with better Hope, continue humbly to ſubmit it to the public Wiſdom, as an Object to be moſt deliberately weighed, accurately examined, and maturely digeſted.

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Having many Times, when in the Service of the Crown, and when retired from it, experienced, with Gratitude, the Favour of my Fellow-Citizens, I am now particularly fortunate, that with their good liking, I can offer any Thing towards upholding this wiſely combined Frame, of mixed Government, againſt the Decays of Time, and the Deviations incident to all human Inſtitutions; and I ſhall eſteem my Life honoured indeed, if the City of *London* can vouchſafe to think, that my Endeavours have not been wanting to maintain the national Honor, to defend the Colonies, and extend the commercial Greatneſs of my Country, as well as to preſerve from Violation the Laws of the Land, and the eſtabliſhed Rights of the Conſtitution.

TRECOTHICK, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Thurſday*, the Fifth Day of *July*, 1770.

A MOTION being made, and Queſtion put, That this Court doth agree, that the Statue of the Right Honourable *William Beckford*, late Lord Mayor, deceaſed, be erected in the *Guildhall* of this City, with the Inſcription of his late Addreſs to his Majeſty? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

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TRECOTHICK, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the *Guildhall* of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the Twelfth Day of *October*, 1770.

A MOTION was made, and Queſtion put, That the Freedom of this City be preſented to *John Dunning*, Eſq; for having (when Solicitor General to his Majeſty) defended in Parliament, on the ſoundeſt Principles of Law and the Conſtitution, the Right of the Subject to petition and remonſtrate? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative.

Another Motion was made, and Queſtion put, That the Copy of the ſaid Freedom be preſented to *John Dunning*, Eſq; in a Gold Box, of the Value of One Hundred Guineas? The ſame was reſolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

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John Dunning, *Eſquire's Anſwer, delivered the Twenty-ſeventh of* March, 1771, *to Sir* Stephen Theodore Janſſen, *Chamberlain.*

Mr. Chamberlain,

I am to requeſt the Favour of you, to repreſent me to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of *London*, as duly ſenſible of the great, but I muſt add, unmerited Honor they have done me; for ſurely, Sir, there is little Merit in acting on one's own Opinion, and I cannot with a ſafe Conſcience pretend to any other.

Convinced as I am, that our happy Conſtitution has given us the moſt perfect Syſtem of Government the World has ever ſeen, and that it is therefore our common Intereſt and Duty, to oppoſe every Practice, and combat every Principle that tends to impair it; any other Conduct than that which the City of *London* has been pleaſed to diſtinguiſh by its Approbation, muſt, in my own Judgment, have rendered me equally unworthy of the Office I had then the Honor to hold through his Majeſty's Favour, and of the Truſt repoſed in me, as one of the Repreſentatives of the People.

To diſcharge faithfully the Duties of whatever Situation we are placed in, is among the firſt Objects of honeſt Ambition; to be thought to have done ſo, I conſider as a ſecond; conſequently, I cannot but feel a high Degree of Satisfaction in this

this Teſtimony of the good Opinion of ſo reſpectable a Body as the Citizens of *London*, and it is no inconſiderable Addition to that Satisfaction, that it gives me a nearer Relation to Men who have been uſually among the foremoſt to aſſert and maintain thoſe legal and conſtitutional Rights, which are eſſential to the general Intereſts of the Community.

I have nothing to add, Sir, but my Acknowledgments to you for the obliging Expreſſions you have uſed, in executing your Commiſſion.

27 *March*, 1771.

J. DUNNING.